THE PARLIAMENTS RESOLUTION

To the Citizens of *London*, concerning His Majesties proceedings.

Wherein they declare their full will and pleasure to unite themselvs with the Citizens of London, and to enter into a solemne Oath with God to defend the Truth against the popish Army in this Kingdome.

Likewise joyfull News from *Winchester*, being the truest Relation of the great battle fought upon *Thursday* last by a great part of the Kings army, against the said city and how by the assistance of Sir *Wil. Balfourd* with 200 horse, the Citisens obtained the victory, taking 500 horse, 7. pieces of ordnance, 25. commanders, and 700. common souldiers, with losse of 50. men

Declaring also, how the Earle of *Essex* hath sent Propositions to the Kings Majesty for an Accomodation of peace.

Together with his Majesties answer thereunto.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in parliament, that this Resolution be forthwith printed and published, and read in all Churches and Chappels within the Kingdome of England and Dominion of Wales, by the parsons, Vicars, Curates of the same.

Io. Brown Cler. Parl.

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THE RESOLVTION OF THE LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT

Concerning their uniting themselves with the well affected party of the City of London, *for the preservation of the Peace thereof, and the maintainance of Gods true* RELIGION.

WEE the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, do in the presence of Almighty God, for the satisfaction of our own Consciences, and discharge of that great trust

which lyes upon us make this declaration to you.

And for the avoiding of bloud, We directed the directed the Earle of *Ffsex* Lord Generall, by him ſelfe or others in ſome ſafe and honourable way, to cauſe to bee delivered an humble Petition, wherein we doe deſire nothing from His Majeſty but that he would returne in peace to His Parliament: And by their faithfull Counſell and advice compoſe the diſtempers and confuſions abounding in his Kingdomes, as hee is bound to doe, we therin profeſſing in the ſight of Almighty God, which is the ſtrongeſt obligation and aſſurance that any Chriſtian, and the moſt ſolemne publike Faith which any ſuch State as a Parliament can give, that we would receive him with all Honour, yeeld Him all true obedience and ſubjection, and faithfully endeavour to defend his Perſon and Eſtate from all danger, and to the uttermoſt of our power to eſtabliſh to him and to his people all the bleſſings of a glorious and happy Reigne, as it is more largely expreſſed in that Petition.

For the Delivery of which Petition, His Excellencie hath twice ſent unto the King, humbly deſiring a ſafe conduct for thoſe who ſhould bee imployed therein, but His Mtjeſty refuſed to give

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any such safe Conduct, or to receive this humble and dutifull Petition, by any addresse of the Earle of *Essex*, saying, that if Justice had been done, the Gentleman which brought the second Message, could not expect his Liberty.

By all which, and many other Evidences and Inducements, we are fully convinc'd in our judgments and Beliefe, that the Kings Councels and Resolutions are so eng ged to the Popish partie for the suppression and extirpation of the true Religion, that all hopes of peace and protection are excluded, and that it is fully intended to give satisfaction to the papists by alteration of Religion, and to the Cavaleers and to the Cavaleers and other Souldiers, by exposing the wealth of the good Subjects especially of this City of *London*, to be sackt plundered and spoiled by them.

Also His Majesty being now growne stronger, and able as he conceives to make good his owne ends by Armes, his confidence in the papists doth more clearly appear, persons imprisond for priests and Iesuites have bin released out of the Gaole of Lancaster, profest papists have bin invited to rise and take up Armes.

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We are alſo credibly informed, that divers Jeſuits in forreign parts, makes great collection of money for the furthering of his Maj. deſigns here againſt the Parliament; And that great means are made to take up the differences betwixt ſome Princes of the Roman Religion, that ſo they might unite their ſtrength for the extirpation of the Proteſtant Religion, wherein principally this Kingdome and the Kingdome of *Scotland* are concerned, as making the greateſt body of the Reformed Religion in Chriſtendome, and beſt able to defend themſelves, and ſuccour other Churches. For which Reaſons, we are reſolved to enter into a ſolemn Oath and Covenant with God, to give up our ſelves and fortunes in his hands, and that wee will to the uttermoſt of our power and judgement maintain his Truth, and conform our ſelves to his will. That we will defend this cauſe with the hazzard of our lives againſt the Kings Army, and againſt all that joyns with them in proſecution of this wicked deſign, according to the form to be agreed upon by both Houſes of Parl. to bee ſubſcribed by our hands. And that we will for the ſame ends aſſociate our ſelves, and unite with all the well affected in the City of *London*, and other parts of his Majeſties Dominions.

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We do also expect our Brethren of *Scotland*, according to the Act of Pacification, whereby the two Kingdomes are mutually bound to suppresse all debates and differences to the disturbance of the publique Peace, That they will help and assist us in defence of this cause, which if the Popish party prevail, must needs either involve them in that alteration of Religion which will bee made here, or ingage them in a Warre against this Kingdome, to defend their own Religion and Liberty: And we doubt not but the God of Truth, and the great Protector of his people, will assist and inable us in this our just defence, to restrain the fury and malice of those that seek our Ruine, and to procure and establish the safety of Religion, and fruition of our Laws and Liberties in this, and all other his Majesties Dominions; *Which we do here again professe before the ever-living God to bee the chief end of all our Counsels and Resolutions; without any intention or desire to hurt or injure his Majestie, either in his Person or just Power.*

Ordered

From *Winchester* it is ſignified by Letters to the houſe of Commons, that upon Thurſday laſt a great part of his Maj. Army commanded by the L. *Herbert* and *Digby*, aſſaulted the aforeſaid City, but the Townſmen having notice of their comming, ſet their men in battle array, mounting their Ordnance, and placing two pieces at each gate North, Weſt, Eaſt and South, and when the enemy were within half a mile of the City, they diſcharged two warning pieces at them, but yet they adventured up to the Gates, and gave a deſperate charge, placing their Ordnance againſt the ſame, thinking to have beat them open by force; but the bullets came ſo faſt amongſt them out of the city, that they ſoon retreated from the Gates, and began to ſhoot very furiouſly on the weſt ſide of the city, but before this bloody Skirmiſh was ended, Col. *Hurrey* and Sir *Will. Balfour* came in with their Troopes of Horſe, and with moſt noble and diſcreet courage fell on, fighting for the ſpace of five hours, and at laſt wonne the victory. taking about 500. horſe, 7. pieces of Ordnance, 25. Commanders, and 700. common ſodliers, with the loſſe of 50. men: So great a victory with ſo little loſſe, was Heaven pleaſed to confer on our Party: for which, due thanks be tendred to the giver of all Conqueſts in the field.

ORderd by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, that this Declaration ſhall be forthwith printed and publiſhed, and read in all Churches and Chappels within the Kingdome of England and Dominion of Wales, by the Parſons, Vicars, or Curates of the ſame.

Jo. Browne Cler. parl.

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